

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper

Feb. 21, 2023

At Grace United - 4:30 to 6:30pm

By Donation - All are welcome



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The 2023 Directory will be out soon

If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again.

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

Grace United Church

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Welcome



Matthew 5:21-37

“Law of Love”



Grace United Church

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*Did you know....God is calling you today, but not on your cell phone.
Please silence your phone. 😊*

February 12, 2023 - Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Black History Month

*Black History (or African Heritage) Month has been recognized in
Canada since February 1996, to honour the contributions and struggles
of peoples of African descent.*

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: Air – (from “Water Music”) - Handel

Welcome – Brian Brooks

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music: *We Center Our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus:

*“God’s Law: The Gift to Protect and Care for
All of God’s Creation and Creatures alike...”*

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Gathering Call (Responsive) by Alydia Smith

One: God, you taught our ancestors to sing with their souls
while in a foreign land.

**All: Through music, you taught Black peoples to persevere
and trust in you, even as their hearts and bodies were
broken.**

One: Your power God, moved through our ancestors, as the
rhythm and cadence of music moves through our bodies.

**All: There would be no Underground Railroad or Civil Rights
Movement without a song, and there would be no song
without you. Let everything that has breath, praise you!**

(Psalm 150:6)

(Please Stand as Able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #238

“O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)”

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Words: Carl Gustav Boberg ca 1885, Eng. trans. Stuart K. Hine ca 1939

Music: Swedish melody, arr. Stuart K. Hine 1949

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All): God of blessing, you call us to love you by loving all creation and creatures. You call us to live in love, faithfulness, and truth. Help us to carry out the promises we make and stay faithful in every way. May we live through the Law of Your Kingdom which is Love, and Love alone. We pray sincerely and willingly. **Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

Time with Youth and Young at Heart: *"Sticks and Stones"*
Repeating Prayer

Song of Devotion: More Voices #18

"Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" (3x)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Words and music: John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37 (NRSV)

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Reader: For the Sacred Story is God's story,

All: for the Sacred Story is our story,

Reader: for the Sacred Story is our source and inspiration.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Words: Christian Bateman, Music: arr. Joel Raney

Life Lesson "*The Law of God: The GPS for the Journey*"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Trust: Voices United # 376

"Spirit of the Living God"

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught His followers (ALL)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who

trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory

forever and ever. **Amen.**

Your Generosity Matters:

Your Generosity Accompanies Grandmothers

Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:

Mindful of the abundance we have received from God,

we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All): Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #575

“I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me”

- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Words and music: African-American spiritual

Music arr. Wendell Whalum. Public Domain

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Allegro Maestoso (from "Water Music") - Handel*

Welcome

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family. Thank you for joining us.

Prayers for the people



Remember in your prayers all those who are in hospital, recovering at home and those who may need our comfort, guidance, and support.

****Please notify the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. ****

NOTE – Due to privacy laws and confidentiality, the names of people on our list are not printed in the Order of Service.

Celebration Candle



Today we send Blessings of Joy to all who are celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events in the coming week.

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

Happy Birthday to Peter Mills, Helen Chapman, Gary Petro and Tim Bass.

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements? Please contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries can only be added with your written consent.

Milk Bags for Beds

Please keep your milk bags and bring them to the church. These are being used to make beds for the less fortunate. A box is at the back of the church to put your clean milk bags in.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque –120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7, e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com Sign-up for PAR Forms https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf by CreditCard through CanadaHelps.<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES

If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.

Offerings February 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
Feb 5	31	\$ 827.00	\$167.00	\$15.00
Feb 12				
Feb 19				
Feb 26				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your offerings.

(PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE)

Please stay for the AGM today after service. Your input is important to Grace United Church.

